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Camp Wood

My Dear

Jan 30th, 1877

Mother

You may think it strange that
You have not received a letter for
so long the fact of it is I have
been very sick Just after the young
Ladies Miss Thurston and Phillips washed
I was taken down with Camp Fever
I thought that it would not
last long ^{so} I did not write or come
home but I got worse and worse
till I was not able to go ^{home} and was
confined to my bed where I lay
for ten days hardly able to turn
over but I have gotten well now
and able to do daunt the camp
is a poor place to be sick in
I received the the box of good
things that you sent me by Mr
Kosier and the package by G Patton

there is another one of our men
in Dayton William Wright
and furlough Moh will be coming
back in a few dayes if you have
got any thing to send you can
send it by him you said any
thing I wanted to send for so
I will I would like to have
some of that m^{ice} dried Corn
and can ar to peaches and some
molasses and pare of pants I am getting
mad at Beens and a fatigue cap and
neck tie tell Beers to have them
made and send by Corp Wright
tell Father that I get the paper
that he sends almos regular and
I rec^d many from you living is
very high hear now it takes almost
all we get to live on I do not know
when we will be payed off but I thin
it will not be very long as
our pay rolls are made out and
sent Louisville some time a go

I think I have sayed about all
I to say as I do not know when
we are to move forward things
look now as if we will say yes
for some time ~~their~~^{we} are throwing
up entrenchments across the
River and on this side to I think
^{we} will remain till Spring opens
till Mr Green that I think
there is no hope for him to
Get a pass down here unless
he comes with Mr Deightree
to get the money when the
Soldgers are payed off he seems
to want to come so bad there
is nothing here but mud and
Soldgers we can hardly step out
side of our tent all we are up
bute tops in mud I recieved
the news yesterday that found
Leland ~~that~~ died at the Hospital
in Louisville he was a fine young
man a corporal in Thruston

Company their has not been
a get man death in our
regiments Well I must bring
this letter a close

I am now getting and able
to attend to duties

Please excuse this badly written
letter

To Mrs Julia, Patterson

Your most affectionate
Son William Patterson

1st O. V. Inf

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I would not send any more
socks as the men get all they
want from the government but
mittens they want bales

Direct your letters to 1st Regt O.V.
as I think my letters go to Infantry
the 1st Ohio Cavalry